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MAY QHGS MEETING

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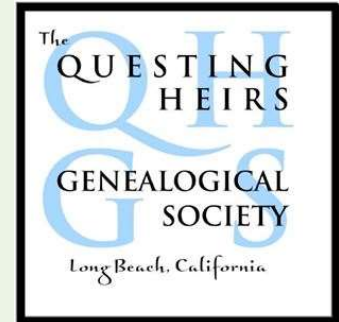
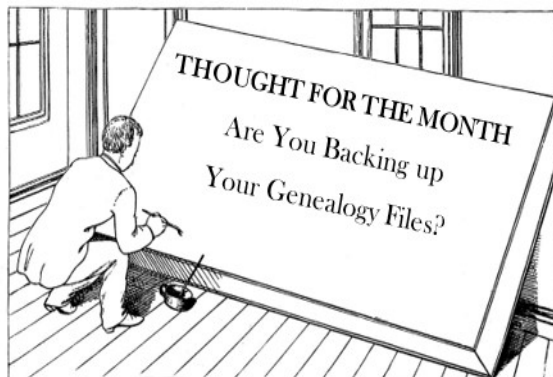
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Breaking Through

QHGS Members Share Their Experiences

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Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Center, 5918 E. Parkcrest Street, in Long Beach California. See map on the last page.

Membership Levels

Individual: \$25.00

Family: \$37.50

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Our May Speaker

Lisa Schumacher

Lisa Schumacher is a recently retired I.S. Management Consultant. She started working on her family history 30 years ago with an interest in computer programs and gadgets that can be used in genealogical research. She is a professional genealogist and lecturer and was a volunteer, instructor and staff supervisor at the Los Angeles Family History Center. Lisa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. She is currently 2nd Vice President of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, having held various positions for 20 years, including President and Program Chairman, organizing society events such as Research Roadshow and Dessert with our Ancestors. The society's version of Who Do You Think You Are? for the 2012 City of Torrance Centennial Celebration was her most rewarding and memorable accomplishment as a genealogist.



Speaking Well of the Dead

After our ancestors have passed their obituaries can provide information that can help in our family history research. Learn how and where to find obituaries and analyze them for clues to interesting details of their lives.



After the Break

Breaking Through – Share Your Experience

We want to hear your story! We invite our QHGS members to share a breakthrough they've had on their genealogy journey. Or bring an item or photo to share with members for five to ten minutes. Sharing your experiences or memorabilia might be the 'aha moment' for someone else that will help them move forward in their research.

Reminder: Field Trip to Los Angeles FamilySearch Library

Saturday, May 12th Cynthia Day-Elliot will lead a trip to the Los Angeles Family History Library. There was a signup at the April QHGS meeting.

Dear Cousin.....

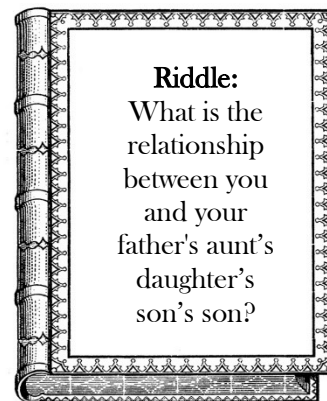
If you actively research your family online, you may have received an unexpected 'Dear Cousin' email. In that message, your new cousin may go on to explain that you are descended from the same great-grandparents or even further removed.

How are the 'degrees' and 'removals' of cousins defined? Degree refers to the number of generations between the two cousins and their closest shared ancestor.

First, Second or Third Cousin

First, second and third cousins are in the same generation.

- ✓ First cousins share a grandparent and are not siblings.
- ✓ Second cousins share a great grandparent and are not siblings.
- ✓ Third cousins share a great-great grandparent and are not siblings.



(See the answer to the riddle on the next page.)

Once, Twice, or Three Times Removed

Removed is used to describe cousins where there is a difference of one or more generations. For example, your first cousin is your son or daughter's first cousin removed.

- ✓ Once removed is two people for whom the relationship is one generation removed.
- ✓ Twice removed is two people for whom the relationship is two generations removed.
- ✓ Three times removed is two people for whom the relationship is three generations removed.

There are a number of excellent Common Ancestors charts available online that you can use to figure out this connection. Search the web using the criteria 'cousin chart'. A small example is shown below that you can use to solve the riddle.

There are several interactive 'cousin calculators' that can be used online. Two of them are: http://www.cousincountry.com/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180010891&sec_id=180004334 and <http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/cousincalculator.html>

Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	Great Grandchild	2nd Great Grandchild
Child	Sibling	Niece or Nephew	Grandnephew or Grandniece	Great-grandnephew or Great-grandniece
Grandchild	Niece or Nephew	first cousin	first cousin once removed	first cousin twice removed
Great Grandchild	Grandnephew or Grandniece	first cousin once removed	second cousin	second cousin once removed
2nd Great Grandchild	Great-grandnephew or Great-grandniece	first cousin twice removed	second cousin once removed	third cousin

Are you a Cousin of Someone Famous?

Several years ago, it was reported that Mitt Romney was related to Rebecca Nurse. Rebecca was a seventy-one-year-old woman accused and executed for witchcraft during the Salem Witch Trials in 1692. I knew that Rebecca was my 9x great grandmother so I set off to determine my relationship to Mitt. It turned out that we are 7th cousins 1x removed. Through that same family line, I found connections to Vincent Price, Ty Cobb and Lucille Ball. I found those connections at FamousKin.com.

FamousKin.com

If you have a family story about being related to someone famous, you might check online at <https://famousskin.com/>. Their site is 'devoted to discovering family connections of famous people to each other, and to helping those not-so-famous to connect to them as well'. Their site has surname indexes, family trees, Pedigrees, and Ahnentafels for famous individuals.

Riddle Answer: Second Cousin Once Removed



Free Genealogy Websites to Check Out

There are a lot of free websites specifically for genealogy research. Here is a quick reminder of some of the more popular ones. Next month we will feature more free websites.

Billion Graves • <http://billiongraves.com/>

Billion Graves is an affiliate of FamilySearch and strives to provide records and images from cemeteries around the world.

Cyndi's List • <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/>

Cyndi's Lists has more than 332,000 genealogy lists, categorized and cross referenced, in more than 200 categories.

Family Search • <https://www.familysearch.org/>

For over 100 years, FamilySearch and its predecessor have been gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide. They currently have over four billion names from all over the world.

Find A Grave • <https://www.findagrave.com/>

On Find A Grave you can look for burial and other final disposition information on individuals you are researching. You will find information about cemeteries and individual graves. It is owned by Ancestry.

Moose Roots • <http://www.mooseroots.com/>

MooseRoots is a tool for genealogists and has birth, marriage, census, grave, military records and more.

US Gen Web Archives • <http://usgwarchives.net/>

The USGenWeb is made up of volunteers working together to provide free online genealogy help for every U.S. state and detailed down to county level. Because of the diversity of the many volunteers, you will see differences in the style and content across their web sites.

FREE Military Lookups for QHGS Members

Chris and Brian Elia will be visiting the National Archives in St. Louis on their road trip this summer. That is where the archived Military Personnel Files are stored once the veteran has been discharged for 62 years. Therefore, all the records for servicemen (and women) who were discharged before 1957 are open to the public. These records usually contain at least the dates of service, final rank, assignments and geographical locations, military education level, eligibility for awards and decorations (medals), a photograph, place of entrance and separation. Most servicemen opted to buy life insurance and specified beneficiaries and relative(s) to contact in case of death. From a previous presentation on these records, we also saw correspondence, training records, issuing of clothing, granting of leave, etc. Every file is different!

So, what's the catch? Why are they doing this for us?

First, this offer is only available to members who are current on their dues. ***The members must also be willing to share what was found for them during our November "Veterans" meeting.*** We don't yet know how many members will participate or how many servicemen files will be found, but we will allocate 5-10 minutes for each person to present what was found. For those who would rather not speak to us as a group, they can create a display that we can peruse during the break while they answer questions that others may have about the display.

This is meant to be fun and creative. Depending on the data you receive, you could create a timeline, highlight a map showing the vet's travels, find out what his/her assignment was like, find or draw a picture of the tanks/ planes/ ships he was on. You can combine the data with data from other sources. You can pretend you are telling a story to a grandchild.

To request up to 3 files, print or type your request and give it to Chris or Brian at the May meeting or mail it to QuestingHeirsTreas@gmail.com by May 26. Give your name, phone number (and address if you will not be at the August meeting so we can mail your data on a CD). Prioritize your requests by putting the highest priority first. When all the highest priority requests are photographed and if we still have time, we will go on to second choice requests, then third.

Note that 80% of the Army files for those discharged 1912-1960 and 75% of the Air Force files for those discharged 1947-1963 were destroyed in a 1973 fire. Since requests for these service branches have a small chance of being found, don't count them as one of your 3 choices, but prioritize them with your three other choices. Don't include requests for service before WW I as those records are in Washington DC (ah, another road trip!).

For each service member, list:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- [Service number or social security number](#)
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth may also be helpful, especially if the service number is not known

Requests must contain enough information to allow the archives to identify the record from among the more than 70 million on file.

Learning Opportunities

Genealogical Society of North Orange County 2018 Family History Seminar featuring Kory L. Meyerink. The one-day seminar is Saturday, July 28th in Yorba Linda. The classes presented will be:

- ✓ “Keeping Up with the Joneses: How to Learn about New Sources and Techniques”
- ✓ “Free State Provided Sources”
- ✓ “Ready and Waiting Online!”
- ✓ “Evaluation Evidence and Resolving Discrepancies”
- ✓ “Cemetery Research on the Internet: Pitfalls and Promises”

For more information and registration form and flyer, please visit: http://www.gsnocc.org/2018_seminar.html

California Genealogical Society, 49th Annual Jamboree 2018

Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, California

For more information and to register, go to <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

- Genetic Genealogy Conference, “Link Through DNA”, Thursday, May 31
- Family History Writers Conference, “Loving Your Family Legends”, Thursday, May 31
- Genealogical Jamboree, “Unlock Your Lineage”, Friday and Saturday, June 1 & 2

FamilySearch Classes

May 10 “United States Research: Mid-South Region”

May 14 “Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively”

May 17 “England Church Records: How to Quick-find Your Ancestors Online!”

May 24 “Figure Out Place Name for Swedish Genealogy”

For more information: https://www.familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule

Family Tree Webinars

May 9 “The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper” by Cyndi Ingle

May 11 “A Checklist of African American Resources” by Angela Walton-Raji

May 15 “Good Research Habits” by Paula Stuart-Warren

May 16 “The First 5 Things to Do with Your New Test Results” by Blaine Bettinger

May 23 “Quaker Migration into America” by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

May 30 “The Palatine Immigrants: Tracing and Location 18th Century German Immigrants Online”
by Luana Darby

For more information about seminars: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Southern California Genealogical Society

May 5 “Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors” by Michael Strauss

May 16 “The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly Truth About Family Histories” by Shannon-Combs Bennett

For more information see: <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

REFRESHMENT REPORT by Sandy Hollandsworth

Our May hosts are:

Sue Tisdall – Tina McKillip – Diane Transue – Sandy McDonald

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Cynthia Day-Elliott

Attendance at our April meeting: 35 members, 4 guests



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